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Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Rev. Karl Schild of the library staff has searched both the library collection and the archives of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to find material to help in your questions of March 15. The Documentary History of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania lists the meeting of the Ministerium for that year as taking place in Lancaster in September. We have no other record of a meeting of the Ministerium or of a group of Lutheran clergymen.

In the archives of the Ministerium are microfilm copies of pastoral works, that is, baptisms, confirmations, marriage and burial records. We do not have either the original or microfilm of the minute books of St. Michael's or Zion's church. These are undoubtedly in the possession of the St. Michael's Church at Franklin & Vine Sts. under the care of the Rev. John H. Hamester, 34 E. Benedict Ave., Havertown, Pa. It is possible that you could get further information from Dr. Carl F. Haussmann, 6348 Ross Street, Philadelphia 44, Pa., who is the historian of the congregation and has prepared much of the material that is known about the history of the congregations. He is an elderly gentleman but is entirely in possession of his faculties and will, I am sure, be glad to furnish you with whatever information he can give.

We do not have photostats available of any one of the three, H. M. Muhlenberg, H. E. Muhlenberg and J. C. Kunze. We are, however, sending you available photographs from the archives. These are extremely valuable and should receive the utmost care in their preservation. You will probably be able to get them photostatted in better fashion than we can. We would appreciate their return within ten days after your receiving them.

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activity which was being carried on by the Lutheran clergy during 1774. than you can get from any other source. You undoubtedly have read the translation of the H.M. Muhlenberg's journals for that year. Muhlenberg at the time had been quite ill, was elderly, and was almost entirely occupied with his forthcoming trip to Georgia. As you know, he practically does not speak of the political situation.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret g. Hort
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Dear Dr. Robinson:

The only person whom I know who might be qualified to do the research you need and has available time, is Mr. James Berg, a graduate of this seminary, 4109 1/2 Locust Street, Philadelphia 39, Pa. Mr. Berg has been doing research in mediaeval history and is trained to study manuscript and printed material, political, religious and sociological. I called him this morning and found that he is interested in your proposition but is overwhelmed by the amount of searching which he believes you need. I have told him that I will write you about him and asked him to contact you directly so that you can outline very specifically what you want done.

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only The Library Company, Presbyterian Historical Society, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Historical Society of the Evangelical & Reformed Church in Lancaster. In addition to these depositories the material in the American Philosophical Society, the Free Library of Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania, and even the German Society, Spring Garden & Marshall Sts., Philadelphia 23, and the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation, Inc., 420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 6, may develop material useful to you.

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which you so kindly proposed in your letter of February 18. It is our policy to charge for time spent on research such as this. We have devoted the ten dollar gift which you sent to paying for part of the time put in by our staff members. In computing the cost according to our usual formula, the difference coming to us would be approximately \$10.00. If you feel that you are justified in paying the extra amount for the information you have received from us we should appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Margaret J. Hort Librarian.

MJH.KHW.

Dear Friend.

The enclosed papers describe my problem and what I hope may provide a partial solution. If you can post this or otherwise put it in the way of any interested parites I shall be deeply grateful. Ask anyone attracted to please write me by the envelope enclosed.

Very Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

It was very kind to you to send us the photostat copies of the three photographs and to forward us your check so promptly. I hope that we have been able to further your work and that you will call on us again if there is anything we can furnish in addition to what has already been discovered. Regretfully now, it is true that the Lutheran group seems not to have been very energetically involved in the political situation just preceding the Revolution. If Mr. Berg can take on the work I am sure that he will prove a very capable researcher.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

Miss Margaret J. Hort of the Krauth Memorial Library has referred to me your request for a search of the libraries of Philadelphia for material on the local clergy in and around the year 1774. I should be most happy to dig this material out for you. However, it is only fair that I tell you beforehand that I shall not be able to spend any great amount of time in a given week on this material, as I have a number of other irons in the fire, including editorial work on two books, regular lecturing at Temple University, and my own graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania. So the task might spread out over a greater period than would be to your liking.

Of the libraries on your list, Miss Hort informs me that her own has already been searched, and that two others have left town. The Episcopal group has moved to Temas, and the American Baptist is now in Rochester. Also, unless you definitely wish the work to be done by one man, Franklin and Marshall should be able to provide whatever may be desired directly, probably at some saving to you.

There are, however, some additional places in Philadelphia which might well prove fruitful, if you have not already examined their holdings. They include: the library of the Carl E. Schurtz Memorial Foundation; the MSS of the Free Library of Philadelphia; the MSS of the University of Pennsylvania library; the library of the Philadelphia Divinity School (Episcopal); the holdings of the American Philosophical Society on S. 5th St.; the archives of Christ Chutch and St. Peter's Church (Episcopal); the archives of St. Michael's and Zion Church (Lutheran) which are not at the Krauth Library; and the holdings of the Yarnall library (Diocese of Philadelphia, Episcopal).

I shall await your early reply. If you believe that you would like me to do the work, in spite of the necessarily slow progress of it in the hands of someone who already has a few odds and ends to do, I shall be happy, as I have said, to undertake it. In that case, I should appreciate more detailed instructions, and the list of clergymen, which Miss Hort did not include in her letter to me.

Sincerely.

James P. Berg

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

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I am pleased to refer you to Dr. Robert A.
Panzer - 2100 "J" Street, Sacramento, Calif. Dr.
Panzer is Minister of The First Methodist Church in
Sacramento and he is interested in having the portions that you have available on the above subject.

If you will mail these direct to Dr. Panzer, and send us a bill for whatever the cost may be we shall be glad to remit.

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am sorry to have been so delayed in getting the job under way here in Philadelphia. But it is started, and the enclosed cards cover the pertinent material in the libraries of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Presbyterian Historical Society. I was informed at the former that the newspapers of the period are almost without exception to be found in the Library Company's collections, so I have not yet looked at this material. What I have found is largely MSS, particularly letters. The most interesting single item to date is a MS copy of the political reports of William Smith in the very year desired, 1774. Should you desire photographic duplication of this or any of the other material, let me know the material and the type of reproduction (microfilm, negative or positive prints, etc.), and I shall obtain them.

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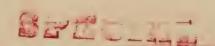
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Dear Sir,

We must apologise for the long delay in answering your letter of May 20, but we have been hoping from day to day to get the photostats from the Rev. Tho.s Cradock's Sermons to which you refer.

These have at last come in, and have been mailed to you under separate cover as shown on the enclosed invoice.\*

We ought perhaps to mention that we have just obtained for a Mr. Middendorf a complete positive and negative photostat of this work. He did not mention any connection with you when he called here earlier this year, but rerhaps he is one of the relatives of



your daughter-in-law whom you have in mind ?

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

In connection with some "serious hobby" research I've undertaken, Mr. Vigilante of The New-York Historical Society suggested you might be able to "further the cause" with some aid or suggestions.

My special concern in writing you is one John Peter Tétard, born Jean-Pierre Testard at Geneva late in 1722. He came to America in 1753 and was pastor of the French Huguenot churches in Charleston, S.C., and here in New York. Early in 1757 he married a well-to-do widow, Frances (Elliston) Dupuy, whose first husband had been a noted physician and whose father had been comptroller of customs for the port of New York. The Tetards bought a farm on Kingsbridge heights in 1763, and during the early seventies Tetard conducted a French boarding-school in his home and preached at the nearby Fordham Manor Dutch Reformed Church. His farm adjoined that of Richard Montgomery, the gallant North-of-Irelander who was slain in the assault upon Quebec at the end of 1775, and whom Tetard accompanied on the expedition as chaplain and interpreter.

I might pose my first question right here. Tetard was appointed on July 6, 1775, as chaplain-interpreter. Father Metzger at the top of p. 53 of his article (or booklet), "Chaplains in the American Revolution," says that the province of New York furnished seven chaplains. I think Metzger's article also says that Heitman's Historical Register lists 117 chaplains altogether. My question is this: Is there any way of finding out whether Tetard was the first chaplain appointed by the province of New York, and what his chronological rank is among the 117?

Perhaps you could furnish a beam of light in another matter. Considerable information has come to light about Tetard's later years (he did in 1787), but I am desperately anxious to learn how long he continued in the chaplaincy. We know that after his return from Canada he was appointed chaplain of the Fourth Regiment of the New York line on November 21, 1776. Thereafter his whereabouts and "whatabouts" are a blank until October 14, 1780, when he wrote the following letter from Paramus, N.J., to Colonel Richard Varick (?):

"When Major Francks went to Westpoint with Mrs. Arnold I desired him to get some Bedding I had left at Mur[derers] Creek with Squire Nicoll, & send them to me by some safe opportunity. When He returned he told me he had them removed, & left with his own Baggage under your Care. Now as I understand that he is brought to trouble on acc! of the Gen!, I shall take it as a particular favour that you would secure my Property, consisting in one large flannel-sheet, 2 very large Blanckets, & a large Green Rugg. I must perish this Winter if I come to be deprived of them. My Direction is—at Mrs. Prevost, at Paramus in N. Jersey. I shall gratefully acknowledge what

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So Tetard was evidently stopping at the Hermitage in what is now Ho-Ho-Kus. But can we reconstruct his situation from the letter? I understand there is a DeWitt map showing "The Winter-Cantonment of the American Army ... for 1783" as having been inland (west) from Murderers Creek (now Moodna Creek, I believe); Squire Nicoll's house, still standing, is between Cornwall Landing and New Windsor, south of Newburgh. My second question then would be whether any deductions or detective work you could proffer would help fill in this important blank.

Forgive my regaling you with such a long account. Hadn't intended to, and hope I haven't been presumptious on your time or interest. At least I can sympathize, for I too am a minister, mine being a small Methodist congregation in this Kingsbridge area.

With every good wish to you and yours,

Gratefully,

William a. Freck

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